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Employment Trends

October Unemployment Rate

Indiana's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October was 5.0 percent. This is one-tenth of a percentage point below the national rate of 5.1 percent.

3,018,900 million Hoosiers were employed during October.

Indiana's October unemployment rate was lower than Michigan, 6.0 percent; Ohio, 5.8 percent; and Illinois, 5.5 percent. Kentucky was lower than Indiana at 4.5 percent.

November Unemployment Rate

Indiana's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November was 4.9 percent. This is three-tenths of a percentage point below the national rate of 5.2 percent.

3,000,300 million Hoosiers were employed during November.

Indiana's November unemployment rate was lower than Michigan, 6.5 percent; Ohio, 6.0 percent; Illinois, 5.8 percent. Kentucky was lower at 4.2 percent.

October Unemployment Insurance Stats

Number of UI Claims Filed:

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| Week of 10-2-04 | ... | 51,652 |
| Week of 10-9-04 | ... | 50,353 |
| Week of 10-16-04 | ... | 50,352 |
| Week of 10-23-04 | ... | 52,738 |
| Week of 10-30-04 | ... | 52,473 |

November Unemployment Insurance Stats

Number of UI Claims Filed:

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| Week of 11-6-04 | ... | 54,584 |
| Week of 11-13-04 | ... | 54,516 |
| Week of 11-20-04 | ... | 56,190 |
| Week of 11-27-04 | ... | 54,765 |

Indiana@Work

Gov. Joe Kernan recently announced the ePortfolio Project, a new online career development and job search tool that builds on the success of the current Indiana@Work initiative. Individuals can create and post resumes, state-certified credentials, degrees and work samples. Participants will automatically be matched with available jobs.



Developments

HOOSIER WORKERS & LIFELONG LEARNING ONLINE NEWS

Breaking News

Distance learning opportunities for Hoosiers, National Guard members

Gov. Joe Kernan announced that beginning Jan. 1, 2005, every Hoosier including returning Indiana National Guard members, will have access to new online skills training to assist them in pursuing new job opportunities.

"This is an important step in helping Hoosiers identify and upgrade their skills as they seek out new career opportunities," said Kernan. We believe these web-based training programs give workers more ways to make themselves more marketable in the changing workplace by providing greater access to training programs, ultimately resulting in stronger employees for Hoosier businesses."

Building on the success of the state's workforce development initiative, Indiana@Work, the free training and remediation courses also will be made available in new distance learning centers throughout the state and in eight National Guard Learning Centers.

Spencer County awarded grant for advanced manufacturing initiative

Supporting an innovative new local workforce development effort in Spencer County, Gov. Joe Kernan awarded a \$285,000 grant to help launch Project Excellence.

Funded through DWD, Project Excellence is a county-wide organization created by a group of Spencer County educators, employers and economic developers dedicated to improving the advanced manufacturing skills of the local workforce.

With the grant, Project Excellence will work with area businesses to identify skills needed to successfully perform advanced manufacturing jobs and then by working with local educational institutions customize learning opportunities to meet those needs. Project Excellence will also establish two fully equipped, state-of-the-art Advanced Manufacturing Technology Academies at two of the county's high schools that will be open to both students and adults.

"What Spencer county is doing is creating a new model for developing, training and sustaining a qualified, capable workforce," said Alan Degner, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

WorkOne Evansville celebrates five years of service

Celebrating five years of serving Hoosiers in Southwest Indiana, WorkOne Evansville recently hosted an open house to mark the anniversary. WorkOne Evansville has created a network of service providers to provide employment assistance to Hoosiers in southwestern Indiana. Each year, the office helps an average of 565 local businesses fill nearly 1,600 jobs. In addition, more than 5,500 job seekers are able to find employment each year through WorkOne Evansville resources.

There are 27 full service WorkOne offices across the state that offer an array of workforce-related services in one convenient location. Services include employment and training programs, unemployment insurance, educational and labor market information, veteran services and much more. Employers and employees can also access CS3, Indiana's state-of-the-art computer job matching system.